

## THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Postmaster General Payne Makes His Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1903.

### HE RECOMMENDS LEGISLATION.

There Was a Deficit for the Year—Recent Investigation Resulted in Reorganization of Bureaus.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The annual report of Postmaster-General Payne for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, was made public tonight. It shows the following as a result of the financial operations of the department for that year, compared with the previous fiscal year:

|                                      | 1902.            | 1903.            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ordinary postal revenue              | \$119,968,229.40 | \$121,854,553.00 |
| Receipts from money order business   | 1,839,817.56     | 2,399,508.24     |
| Total receipts                       | 121,808,046.96   | 124,254,061.24   |
| Total expenditures                   | 124,755,897.07   | 135,784,487.87   |
| Excess of expenditures over receipts | 2,947,850.11     | 4,530,426.63     |

An increase in the deficit over the previous year of \$1,582,576.52, which is, however, \$1,942,133 less than the estimated deficit for the year.

### ESTIMATES FOR 1905.

The estimate of the revenues and expenditures of the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, which has been transmitted to the secretary of the treasury, is as follows:

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| Total postal revenue year ending June 30, 1905 | \$134,224,443.00 |
| Add 9 per cent                                 | 12,080,199.87    |
| Estimated revenue for 1905                     | 146,304,642.87   |
| Appropriation for 1904                         | 135,511,549.75   |
| Estimated deficit for 1904                     | 7,206,906.58     |
| Estimated revenue for 1905                     | 146,304,642.87   |
| Add 9 per cent                                 | 13,162,417.85    |
| Estimated revenue for 1905                     | 159,467,060.72   |
| Estimated expenditures for 1905                | 165,985,770.69   |
| Estimated deficit for 1905                     | 6,518,709.23     |

This estimate is based upon the ordinary business of the service, without taking into consideration the effect upon the revenues or expenses of any legislation which may be enacted by the present Congress.

### LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED.

The following recommendations for legislation, some of which have heretofore been made, are submitted for the consideration of Congress:

1. That proper legislation be enacted to acquire the title to block No. 324 in the city of Washington for the purpose of erecting annexes to the present postoffice department building.
2. That a "jump sum" appropriation for clerks in the first and second-class postoffices be allowed instead of an appropriation for clerks by grades, as at present.

3. That where a clerk or letter carrier has been 25 years in the service and shall have attained the age of 65 years the postmaster-general shall be empowered upon the recommendation of the postmaster to either a substitute for such clerk or letter carrier, which substitute shall receive not to exceed two-thirds of his salary, the other one-third to go to such clerk or letter carrier.

4. That a system of postal checks be authorized by Congress for the transmission of small amounts of money through the mails.

5. That Congress consider the propriety of authorizing postoffices in Porto Rico to receive small amounts on deposit, giving thereon a rate of interest not to exceed 2 per cent per annum.

6. That a law be enacted to prohibit the establishment and maintenance of boxes to be rented for the receipt of mail without authority from the postoffice department.

7. That a penalty be provided by law for the mailing of explosives or inflammable matter.

8. That a penalty be provided for the counterfeiting of an official postmark stamp, or for the use of such stamp for an improper purpose.

## AS OLD AS THE PYRAMIDS

That blood poison existed among the ancients has been proven beyond question. It has been traced back thousands of years, and is as old as the Pyramids. This blighting curse has been handed down from nation to nation and from individual to individual till it has spread to all parts of the world.

Contagious blood poison, as it is called in modern times, begins with a small sore or ulcer through which the virus enters the blood. This is followed by inflammation and swelling of the glands of the groins, a red eruption breaks out on the body, sores appear in the mouth and the throat becomes ulcerated, and as the disease takes a deeper hold and the blood becomes more thoroughly infected, the hair and eyebrows drop out, the skin is spotted with copper-colored spots, the bones and muscles ache, and it seems to the victim of this monster scourge there is not a sound spot in the whole body.

The horror of this awful disease can never be told. The one who contracts it suffers in body and mind, and if the poison is not eradicated transmits the taint to his children, and Contagious Blood Poison thus becomes responsible for many of the ills of childhood—Skin Eruptions, Catarrhal Troubles, Sore Eyes, Scalp Disease, White Swelling, Scrofula and others just as bad. S. S. S., the great vegetable blood purifier and tonic, has long been recognized as a radical and safe cure for Contagious Blood Poison. It counteracts the deadly virus and cleanses and purifies the diseased blood, and under its tonic effects the general health improves and soon all signs of blood poison are gone. The strong mineral remedies, Mercury and Potash, which are so often prescribed for the disease, dry up the sores, skin eruptions and all external signs, but leave the stomach and digestion ruined and the system in such condition that the disease usually returns in worse form than ever.

S. S. S. is guaranteed a purely vegetable remedy. \$1.00 is offered for proof that it contains a single mineral ingredient. If you have blood poison write for our special book, describing the different stages and giving all the symptoms, with directions for treating one's self at home. Our physicians will furnish any information or advice wanted free of charge.

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9. That a law be enacted which shall prevent furnishing to the department supplies manufactured by convict labor.

10. That action be taken by Congress on the report of the commission appointed to select a site for a new postoffice building in the city of New York.

11. That the provision made by Congress in the last two appropriation bills for the payment of \$1,500 to the legal representatives of every railway mail clerk killed in the line of duty be extended to the sub-clerks as well as to regular clerks.

12. That salaries of clerks of classes 2 and 3 in full railway postoffices in crews where four or more clerks run over the entire length of the line be increased from \$500 per annum to \$1,000 per annum and from \$1,000 to \$1,100 per annum, respectively.

13. That suitable legislation be had providing a monthly salary of not less than \$30 for each sub-clerk in the railway mail service, with the understanding that he will be subject to the call of the department for at least 11 days' labor a month, whether as substitute or otherwise.

14. That Congress earnestly consider the propriety of granting an annuity to railway postoffice clerks who are permanently disabled in line of duty or worn out through long, faithful service.

15. That Congress, in the interest of efficient postal service, consolidate the third and fourth classes of mail matter and fix the rate of postage at 1 cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

16. That Congress authorize the postmaster-general to accept, under suitable regulations the mailings of large quantities of identical pieces of printed matter and small articles of merchandise without the necessity of affixing postage stamps to the individual pieces.

17. That a sum of \$300,000 be appropriated, to be immediately available, for the purpose of enabling the department to continue the installation of additional rural free delivery routes until the end of the present fiscal year, and that Congress authorize an increase of thirty-six in the field force in connection with rural free delivery service.

18. That special agents and route inspectors be hereafter designated rural agents.

19. That the provision of law that rural carriers shall not be prohibited from doing an express package business be repealed.

20. That the maximum salary of a rural carrier be increased.

21. The act of June 15, 1898, providing that assistant postmasters, cashiers and other employees in postoffices of the first, second and third classes shall give bond direct to the United States under the provisions of the act, and that the postmaster be responsible under his bond for all moneys received, and it was his duty to account therefor even if a loss was due to a subordinate's act. A vexatious question as to responsibility for losses has arisen since the act referred to became effective. If the postmaster makes good the loss, there is no provision for him to succeed to the rights of the United States under the clerk's bonds. If it should be judicially determined that the bonding of the clerk direct to the United States relieves the postmaster, the government would have no recourse in the event the loss exceeded the amount of the bond.

22. That an appropriation be made for the purpose of constructing look-out towers wherever, in the opinion of the postmaster-general, the same may be needed.

23. That the interstate commerce law be amended to prohibit common carriers, to wit, telegraph and express companies, or any of their employees, from aiding and abetting in the green goods or lottery swindles or any other scheme, carried on partly by mail and partly by common carrier, and which is in violation of postal laws.

24. That a small appropriation be made by Congress for the purpose of enabling the postmaster-general to

investigate the feasibility of telephone service in connection with the rural free delivery service.

25. That legislation be enacted authorizing the exclusion from the mails of all matter relating to the class of enterprises known as guessing contests.

26. That Congress prohibit by law the use of the postal service of the United States for the promotion of gambling schemes.

27. That no change be made in the title of the assistant attorney-general for the postoffice department, but that the office be made a presidential one and that the incumbent be made, in fact as well as in name, an officer of the department of justice, subject to the authority and direction of the attorney-general of the United States; that his salary be increased to \$5,000 per annum.

In concluding his report Mr. Payne says: "It is proper to say that its preparation has been delayed several weeks, owing to demands upon my time by reason of the investigation which has been made into the affairs of the department, commencing about March 1, 1903, and which has continued under my direction since that time."

"This investigation has resulted in a complete reorganization of some of the bureaus of the department and, it is hoped, has eradicated all dishonest, irregular and criminal practices, which the investigation has developed as having been in existence for several years."

### GEN. J. B. GORDON DEAD.

The Last of the Great Confederate Generals Passes Away.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 9.—Lieut.-Gen. John Brown Gordon died at his winter home near Miami, Fla., at 10:05 tonight. His fatal illness, which overtook him last Wednesday, was congestion of the stomach and liver, following an acute attack of indigestion, to which he was subject.

Gen. Gordon had been unconscious nearly all day. The beginning of the end occurred this afternoon, serious complications setting in, and by night his physicians had abandoned all hope, as his kidneys refused to secrete and the symptoms of uraemic poison were very decided. His death was quiet.

### GEN. GORDON'S FUNERAL.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 10.—The remains of Gen. John B. Gordon, who died last night at his winter home near Miami, Fla., will reach this city early next Tuesday, it having been decided that the funeral party will leave Miami Monday morning. Definite arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but it is said the remains will be in the statehouse for several days preceding the funeral, the family of the deceased chieftain having agreed to the request that the former followers of Gen. Gordon may view his remains.

At a conference here this afternoon between Gov. Terrell and the relatives of Gen. Gordon it was decided to hold the funeral exercises in the house of representatives, when, in connection with the religious exercises, speakers prominent throughout the south and veterans of the Confederate army will deliver eulogies.

The different Confederate organizations throughout the south will be requested to take part in the funeral services, and it is thought the militia of the southern states will be invited to participate. Governors of the south have been invited to take part in the funeral services.

### OLNEY FOR PRESIDENT

Massachusetts Democratic State Committee Indorses Him.

Boston, Jan. 9.—The Democratic state committee today indorsed a movement in favor of having the national convention nominate Richard Olney for president of the United States. Resolutions were adopted inviting Democrats everywhere to work in favor of such a movement.

### HANNA NO CANDIDATE.

No Truth in Story That He Will Become One.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 9.—Senator Hanna, referring to published reports that a public announcement of his candidacy for the presidential nomination would be issued next week, declared that there was not the slightest foundation for such statements. He added that he had already issued an authorized statement showing his position and that it still held good.

### POLLY PRY SHOT AT.

Well Known Newspaper Woman Has a Narrow Escape.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 10.—Mrs. R. T. Anthony, a newspaper woman, who is well known in many parts of the country under the name of "Polly Pry," was shot at at her home in this city by an unknown man tonight. The bullets went wide of the mark.

Mrs. Anthony answered a ring at her door bell about 9:30 tonight, and as soon as the door was opened a man fired shots at her from a pistol and then fled.

For the past three months Mrs. Anthony has been conducting a weekly paper in this city, and she attributes the shooting to the offense given by some article appearing in her publication.

So far the police have no clue to the would-be murderer.

### Swindler Breaks Jail.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 10.—William J. Reid, alias L. O. Hoffman, who is charged with swindling 32 hotels out of about \$800 from the Atlantic to the Pacific in 1902, and is now under sentence aggregating 10 years for these offenses, broke jail here today under remarkable circumstances and still at large.

Sheriff Clark tonight made a thorough investigation, but he finds that many details are still unexplained.

Reid was arrested in San Francisco under sensational circumstances in June, 1902, and after a legal battle was brought to Springfield. He was sentenced to four years and six months in the county jail for swindling hotels here, and immediately sentenced in Boston to five years in state's prison.

### General Gordon's Successor.

New Orleans, Jan. 10.—Gen. Stephen D. Lee has assumed the office of command-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans' association, made vacant by the death of Gen. John B. Gordon.

### Mrs. Cleveland's Health Excellent.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 9.—Despite her intense grief over the death of her oldest daughter, the general health of Mrs. Grover Cleveland is excellent, Dr. J. H. Wickoff, the family physician, announces.

It was feared that the sudden grief which prostrated Mrs. Cleveland would culminate in a serious illness. Dr. Wickoff says the four Cleveland children, show no signs of diphtheria. Although former President Cleveland is deeply affected by the blow, his health is good and the physician anticipates no further illness in the family.

### G. F. B. Howard to be Prosecuted.

New York, Jan. 11.—Rev. George Fredrick Burgoyne Howard, who has spent several years in the house of correction at Detroit, Mich., for swindling, is to be prosecuted by the United States postal authorities for subornation of perjury. Howard's time in the house of correction will expire in February. Maj. Little, police office inspector for this district, who, 10 years ago, was instrumental in his capture and conviction, has been ordered to prepare evidence to be submitted at Jack-

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### Price of Carpets to Advance.

New York, Jan. 11.—Carpet manufacturers will today advance their price on tapestry, velvets, and certain grades of Axminsters half per cent. The increase is due to raw material, notably wool, and the advance which has followed on carpet yarns, is held to be responsible for the change.

### Lillian Hitchcock-Coit.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—A private message has just been received in this city from New York which announced that Mrs. Lillian Hitchcock-Coit has been in that city, and had just sailed for Paris. It was subsequently learned here that Mrs. Coit has arranged to be absent from San Francisco an indefinite period, and before leaving this city she had turned over to the Union Trust company all her private business affairs, accompanied with a power of attorney.

Mrs. Coit is the principal witness in the case of Alexander Garretts, her relative, charged with the murder of Maj. McClurg, in her apartments in a local hotel, which comes up today in court.

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